

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
TEXARKANA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
v.) CRIMINAL NO. 4:20CR40004-001
)
RALIEGH CEDRIC LEE)

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

On March 4, 2020, a Grand Jury sitting in the Western District of Arkansas returned an Indictment against the Defendant, Raliegh Cedric Lee, charging him with one count of Felon In Possession of a Firearm, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2), and a forfeiture allegation.

In the forfeiture allegation of the Indictment, the United States seeks forfeiture, pursuant to Title 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), and Title 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), of:

1. Hi-Point, model CF380, .380 caliber semiautomatic pistol, serial number P8074992;

as property involved in, or used to facilitate the offense.

On June 15, 2020, the Defendant pleaded guilty to the Indictment. Pursuant to a Plea Agreement entered into by the parties, the Defendant has agreed to forfeit all rights, title and interest to Hi-Point, model CF380, .380 caliber semiautomatic pistol, serial number P8074992 listed in the Indictment. The Defendant has further acknowledged that all property covered by the Plea Agreement is subject to forfeiture as property facilitating illegal conduct, or property involved in illegal conduct giving rise to forfeiture, or as substitute assets for property otherwise subject to forfeiture.

Pursuant to the Plea Agreement, the Defendant has also consented to the immediate entry of a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture upon entry of the guilty plea. The Defendant has further agreed that upon entry of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, such Order will be considered final as to defendant's interests in the property. The Defendant has also agreed to immediately withdraw any claims to property seized in connection with this case in any pending administrative and civil forfeiture proceeding, and has consented to the forfeiture of all properties seized in connection with this case to the United States. The Defendant has further agreed to execute any and all documents requested by the Government to facilitate or complete the forfeiture process. The Defendant has also agreed not to contest or to assist any other person or entity in contesting the forfeiture of the property seized in connection with this case.

Pursuant to the Plea Agreement, the Defendant has additionally agreed to consent to the entry of Orders of Forfeiture for such property, and also to waive the requirements of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2 and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment. The Defendant has also acknowledged that he understands that the forfeiture of assets is part of the sentence that may be imposed in this case, and he has waived any failure by the court to advise him of this, pursuant to Rule 11(b)(1)(J), at the time his guilty plea is accepted.

Pursuant to the Plea Agreement, the Defendant has also agreed to waive all constitutional and statutory challenges in any manner (including direct appeal, habeas corpus, or any other means) to any forfeiture carried out in accordance with the Plea Agreement on any grounds, including that the forfeiture constitutes an excessive fine or punishment. The Defendant has additionally agreed to take all steps as requested by the United States to pass clear title to forfeitable assets to the United States, and to testify truthfully in any judicial forfeiture proceeding.

Finally, the Defendant has also agreed that the forfeiture provisions of the Plea Agreement are intended to, and will, survive him, notwithstanding the abatement of any underlying criminal conviction after the execution of this agreement.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, DECREED AND ADJUDGED:

1. That based upon the guilty plea of the Defendant, the following assets shall be forfeited to the United States:

a. Hi-Point, model CF380, .380 caliber semiautomatic pistol, serial number P8074992;

as property facilitating illegal conduct, or property involved in illegal conduct giving rise to forfeiture, or as substitute assets for property otherwise subject to forfeiture.

2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3), upon entry of this Order, the United States is authorized to seize any specific property that is subject to forfeiture as set forth herein in this Order and the Plea Agreement, to conduct any discovery the Court considers proper in identifying, locating or disposing of the property; and to commence proceedings that comply with any statutes governing third-party rights.

3. Upon entry of this Order, the United States is authorized to commence any applicable proceeding to comply with statutes governing third party rights, including giving notice of this Order.

4. The United States shall publish notice of this Order pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6).

5. That upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(c), in which all interests will be addressed.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 15th day of June, 2020.

Susan O. Hickey
HONORABLE SUSAN O. HICKEY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE